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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 28 through 43 remain in this application. Claims 28, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, 40 and 41 have been amended.

The above Office Action states that the disclosure is objected to because of inconsistent language and references. Accordingly, Applicant has reviewed the entire specification and made appropriate changes to eliminate the inconsistent language and references.

The above Office Action also states:

"On page 10, 'symbols 22' is referred to as being related to the Pinyin alphabet and later as the Roman alphabet. Later the Pinyin alphabet is referred to as having the same twenty-six letter characters as the Roman alphabet. Thus, there is confusion as to the meaning of the word symbol and character. Further, there is a reference to Roman letters on the same page."

Pinyin is commonly known as a system for transliterating Chinese ideograms into the Roman alphabet, officially adopted by the People's Republic of China in 1979. Symbols 22 present the Pinyin alphabet as well as a representation of Chinese ideograms in the form of the Roman alphabet. Support for the above explanation is provided at page 3, lines 1 through 14, of the specification. Thus, it is appropriate to refer to symbols 22 as the Pinyin alphabet as well as the Roman alphabet.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure are respectfully requested.

The above Office Action further states that claims 28 through 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the terms syllable initial symbol(s), syllable semi-initial symbol(s), syllable final symbol(s), and independent symbol(s) do not have plain meaning and allegedly, according to the above Office Action, are not defined by the specification. Similarly, claims 28 through 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Accordingly, claims 28 through 43 have been amended to reference a syllable initial symbol group, a syllable semi-initial symbol group, a syllable final symbol group, an independent symbol group, and their associated symbols, which are clearly defined by the specification (starting at page 10, line 20) and shown in FIGs. 2 through 5 of the drawings. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph, rejections of claims 28 through 43 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Also, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this response, including any fees for Extensions of Time, or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention, are supported by the specification and drawings, and are in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns that may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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